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SUBJ: BILATERAL ENVIRONMENTAL DISCUSSIONS WITH MEXICANS

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1. LUIS CABRERA, IN DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF, STATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO OBJECTION TO PARTICIPATION BY COAST GUARD OFFICER AS MEMBER OF US DEL TO PROPOSED DISCUSSIONS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS. CABRERA UNDERSTANDS THAT PARTICIPATION BY THIS OFFICER WOULD BE RELATED PRIMARILY, IF NOT EXCLUSIVELY, TO USG INTEREST IN OIL SPILLS AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE CONTINGENCY PLANNING. HE REALIZES THIS IS AGENDA ITEM OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO USG, AND HE OBVIOUSLY FEELS THAT EACH SIDE SHOULD HAVE FREEDOM TO SUGGEST AND DISCUSS SUCH POINTS.

2. COMMENT: DESPITE HIS WILLINGNESS TO SEE THIS ITEM INSCRIBED ON AGENDA, CABRERA HELD OUT NO HOPE FOR POSITIVE GOM RESPONSE. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT FONSECRETARIAT'S COOL RECEPTION TO IDEA OF JOINT CONTINGENCY PLANNING WILL NOT BE CHANGED EASILY. US DEL SHOULD COME PREPARED TO DISCUSS PROGRESS ON US-CANADIAN JOINT EFFORTS IN COUNTERING OPEN OCEAN SPILLS; MEXICANS DO NOT CONCEIVE OF PARALLEL APPLICABILITY (IN US-MEXICO CONTEXT OF EXISTING US-CANADIAN PLAN COVERING INLAND WATERS).

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